

Great Salt Lake
Resolution (HCR-10)
Steering Group

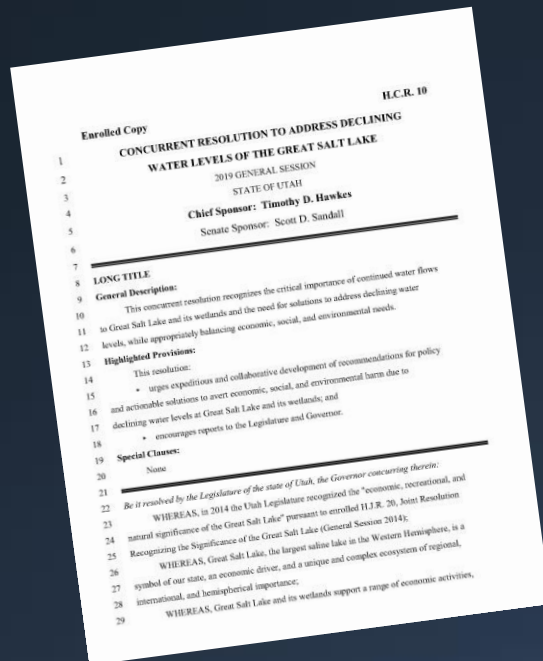
Recommendations to Ensure Adequate Water Flows to Great Salt Lake and its Wetlands



Background

Concurrent Resolution to Address Declining Water Levels of the Great Salt Lake

(HCR-10, 2019 General Session)



"This concurrent resolution recognizes the critical importance of continued water flows to Great Salt Lake and its wetlands and the need for solutions to address declining water levels, while appropriately balancing economic, social and environmental needs."



Who?

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Objective

From HCR-10: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage the Departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality through their relevant divisions to expeditiously, jointly, and collaboratively engage with a wide-range of stakeholders to

*develop recommendations
for policy and other solutions to
ensure adequate water flows to
Great Salt Lake and its
wetlands.*



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Developing Ideas

Numerous informal working meetings were held to identify key challenges, and brainstorm potential needs and opportunities. No ideas were rejected; all ideas were noted and included in the discussions.

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Agriculture

Municipal
Planning

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1. Engage the public and decision-makers to better appreciate the value -the steps to preserve – difference they can make.
2. Promote flexibility and find new incentives to optimize water use and sustain healthy lake levels.
3. Better integrate water use into land use and economic development decisions.
4. Encourage research to ensure that we can answer critical questions.
5. Explore how existing laws and regulations can be used to protect water supplies for Great Salt Lake and its wetlands.
6. Find ways to adapt existing laws and regulations to better promote conservation and sustainable water management across the entire Great Salt Lake watershed.
7. Find thoughtful ways to sustain these efforts over time by ensuring adequate resources, including agency staffing and funding.



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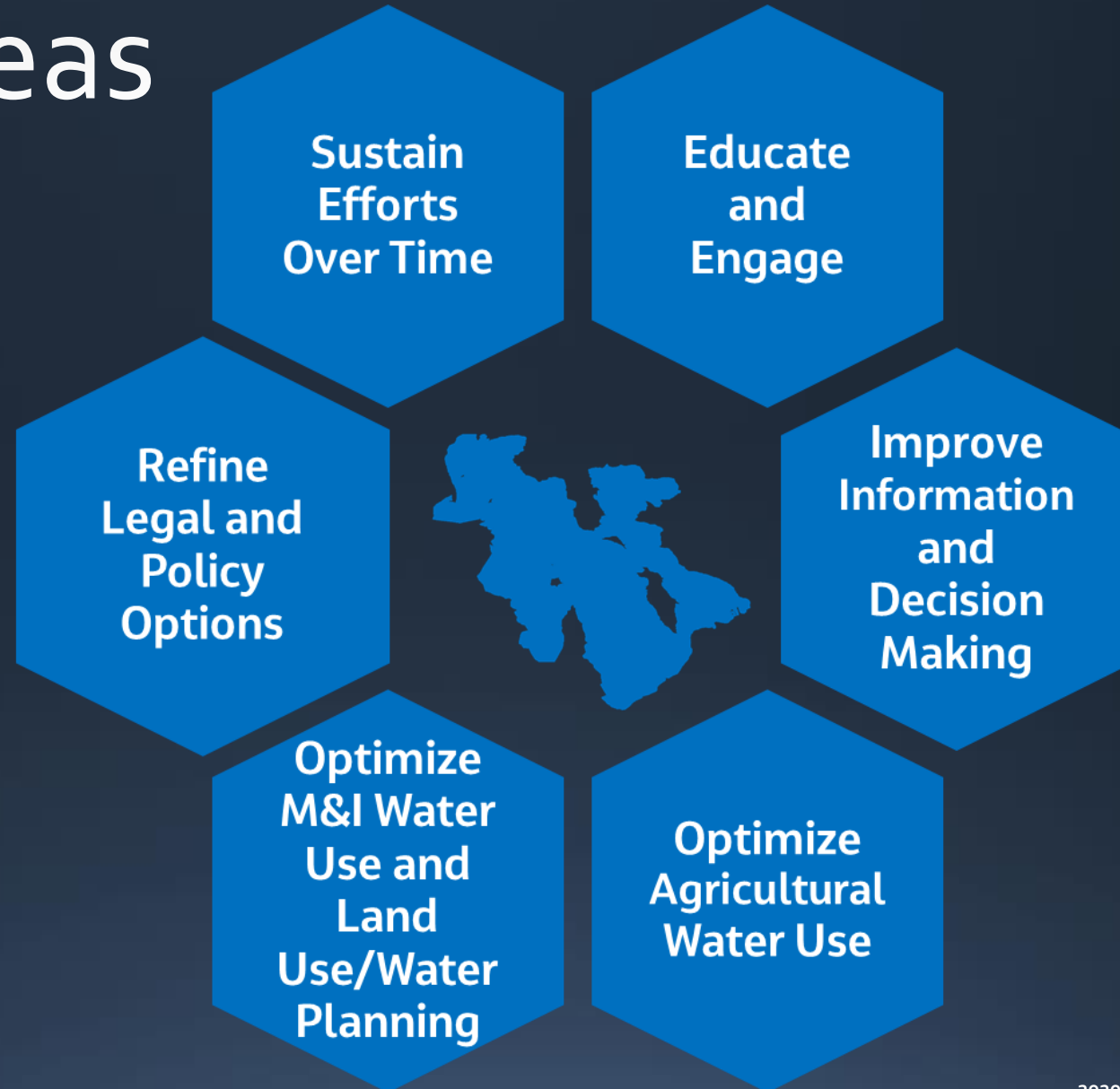
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Six Focus Areas



- Todd Adams/DWRe (Candice Hasenyager *)
 - Nathan Bracken/Smith Hartvigsen
 - Laura Briefer/SLCDPU (Tamara Prue*)
 - Brian Cottam/DFFSL (Jamie Barnes*)
 - Lynn DeFreitas/FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake
 - Justin Dolling/Waterfowl
 - Joel Ferry/Agriculture, Legislature
 - Tage Flint/WBWCD (Darren Hess*)
 - Eric Edgley/DWiR
 - Erica Gaddis/DWQ (John Mackey*)
 - Jim Harris/DWQ – co-chair (Jake Vander Laan*)
 - Joe Havasi/Compass Minerals
 - Tim Hawkes/GSL Brine Shrimp Coop., Legislature
 - Tyson Roberts/Agriculture Producer
 - Marcelle Shoop/National Audubon Society (Max Malmquist*)
 - Brian Steed/UDNR, Director
 - Mark Stratford/Ogden City
 - Laura Vernon/ DFFSL- co-chair
 - Teresa Wilhelmsen/DWRi (Jared Manning*), non-voting
 - Jody Williams/Holland & Hart, Bear River Commission
- *Alternate

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Conclusions

- Great Salt Lake is a centerpiece of our water legacy
- Preserving Great Salt Lake is a significant challenge to overcome
- It is not a “zero-sum game”
- Collaboration, ingenuity, determination are the solution
- These recommendations represent common ground
- A catalyst for discussion, study and action
- We must start now



Questions?



Sunrise over Great Salt Lake

